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Rensselaer Takes Precautions

County Officials and FBI Warn Community of Potential Risks

On Thursday, Oct. 18, Jasper County public officials, along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) held a meeting at Rensselaer Central High School. The meeting was conducted in order to inform county officials, leaders and the general public on the threat of terrorism.

Important figures present included Jasper County Sheriff Jim Wallace, District Lieutenant for the Indiana State Police Doug Shelton, FBI Senior Agent in Charge Chuck Porucznik, Mayor of Rensselaer Herb Arihood, and county health and law enforcement officials.

The meeting was called to discuss the potential threat of terrorism in Jasper County. Sheriff Wallace listed rea-

sons why we should be prepared for terrorism in our area. Jasper County has one of largest utility companies in

Dannielle Pruett
Reporter



FBI Senior Agent in Charge Chuck Porucznik talks with Gary Stewart, operation manager for this district's pipelines, about the protocol for anthrax contamination.

the state. Secondly, there are major microwave and cellular towers that, if destroyed, could disrupt communication throughout the Midwest. The county also has four major gas lines running through it, one of which is not safely buried underground. If the gas lines are struck, a large portion of Indiana and the surrounding Midwest states would have no gasoline supply.

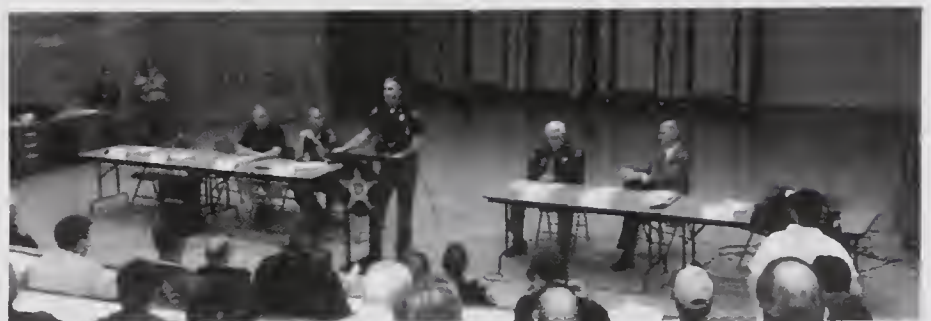
The trucking industry is dominant in the area, which alludes to the dangers of transporting hazardous materials.

Finally, is the Jasper County our farming industry. Citizens are con-

cerned about their livestock and crops becoming contaminated with disease or bacteria that could cause illness.

The biggest concern of terrorism discussed in the meeting was anthrax. Although anthrax is the most tangible fear interrupting American lives right now, Sheriff Wallace urges citizens to remain calm. "Don't panic!" he stated emphatically. Despite the reality of anthrax,

area of worry is the county's water systems and dairy farms. Mike Murphy, a representative from the local water department said that the water is on secure lockdown, and they are taking precautions to protect it. Mike McGlowsky, a spokesman for the largest dairy farm in the county, located in Fair Oakes, addressed the worries of tainted milk. He said that biologically, most of the bacteria are killed through pasteurization. "We are as secure as we can possibly be under the circumstances," he said.



Doug Shelton, District Lieutenant for the Indiana State Police, discusses the proper protocol for emergency officials to take in case of terrorism in Jasper County.

the biggest factors working against officials are false claims and widespread fear. Rumors of anthrax from the postal service in Crown Point "exploded with misinformation," spreading unnecessary fear and panic, Porucznik said.

The rise of anthrax is causing the United States to be concerned about the chance of biological warfare. A specific

The meeting ended with statements stressing that the meeting was merely precautionary, and that the chances of terrorism in Jasper County are slim. As a final comment, Mayor Arihood stated that Rensselaer would continue to take precautions because "You can never be too careful," he said.

What is Anthrax?

- An acute infectious disease caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*.
- Most commonly occurs in wild and domestic lower vertebrates
- Can occur when humans are exposed to infected animals

Direct person-to-person spread of anthrax is extremely unlikely to occur

How is Anthrax transmitted?

- Anthrax infection can occur in three forms: skin, inhalation, and gastrointestinal.
- Spores can live in soil for many years, and humans can become infected by handling infected products or inhaling spores
- Can be spread by eating undercooked meat from infected animals

There is a licensed vaccine for anthrax, reported to be 93% effective

What are the symptoms?

- Skin: infected area begins as a raised itchy bump, develops into a painless ulcer, usually 1-3 cm in diameter
- Inhalation: resembles a common cold, after several days may progress to breathing problems and shock
- Intestinal: an acute inflammation of the intestinal tract, initial signs of nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting, fever and abdominal pain

In all cases symptoms usually occur within 7 days

How to Handle Anthrax Threats, Suspicious Parcels

- Do Not Panic!
- Do not shake the contents of any suspicious envelope or package
- Place the suspicious package in a sealed container or bag
- Leave the area and wash hands, and body with soap and water, launder all clothing
- Make all people in the area aware of the situation so that they may take cautionary steps

Information obtained from a brochure handed out at the meeting, compiled by national health organizations

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Finding Meaning Through Loss

Susan Huss
Editor

Last Monday, I received a call from Brandi, my brother Andy's wife. She said, "You're going to be an aunt again!" Immediately, I was overjoyed to have another niece or nephew on the way.

Three days later, Andy called. After joking around for a while, I told him congratulations. Then I asked why he was calling. He usually never calls me—you know how brothers are! I said, "Is there something you have to tell me?" I should have known.

Andy said, "Well, funny you should say that." There was a quiver in his voice, and I knew. He then confirmed my fear—he and Brandi had lost the baby. I tried to maintain my composure for the rest of the phone conversation. Andy said it would be okay—the baby is in Heaven. I reminded him, "He or she has a cousin in heaven to play with." My sister Mary also had a miscarriage several years ago.

On the one hand, you can say Andy's loss is easier than Mary's was. It was her first baby; Andy and Brandi already have four other children. But on the other hand, you can't say that, because this was a *child*, a unique gift from God, special in its own way. From the moment I heard Brandi was pregnant, I began to look forward to a new addition to the family. I thought of the baby as a human being right away.

Now the baby is in Heaven. At first I was sad over this loss, but as I thought about it, I began to get angry. How can people abort their children? My little niece or nephew had so much love surrounding him/her as soon as he/she was conceived. We all wondered, "Will Andy and Brandi actually have a boy, or will they have five girls? Who will the baby look like?" This child was never thought of as a "blob". He/she was a HUMAN BEING from the start.

I don't understand how abortion remains legal. How can a woman kill her baby? Some people dispute that an unborn child is not a living person. I say to them, "How can something that you can feel kicking and hiccuping in a woman not be alive and human?"

What makes a person alive? Some say a heartbeat or brain waves. Well, babies have both of these before a woman even finds out she is pregnant. As for me, I believe a person's life depends on the presence of a soul. That's why unborn children are alive. God gives them a soul at the instant of their conception.

I know the little bundle of joy we lost was a human being, and to kill it by an abortion would have been murder. It makes me sad to think that Andy and Brandi lost a baby they already loved, when some people *choose* to kill their babies. When will the injustice end?

Freshmen "Socializing" 101

Concerned upperclassmen offer advice to confused and inexperienced freshman

It is almost the end of the semester, and I would like to give out some friendly advice for the freshman that just have been having a bit of trouble adjusting to life at college. Granted, my class was not any more mature, and there are still upperclassmen who should heed my advice - you know who you are! However, we are in college, so I do not plan on lecturing you. You get enough of that if you attend class. Instead, I have compiled a list of advice that should be taken into consideration.

* It is not acceptable to just ask someone for random sexual favors! And for the record most upperclassmen already know this rule, and they will just laugh at you if you ask.

* Thou shall not wear halter-tops when it snows.

* If you cannot even stand up at a party, then you should stop drinking.

* Remember: Most of the "Freshman 15" comes from alcohol con-

sumption.

* Before you do anything stupid, take into consideration that on a small campus like SJC rumors spread very quickly.

* No one will think less of you if you leave a party alone - I promise.

* Dancing in the dorms is not the same as dancing in a strip club.

* It is not necessary to scream through the hall at 3 am. Its called "People are sleeping."

* What's with the make-up? Halloween is only once a year, not every Friday and Saturday.

* Remember we're not in high school anymore. You are not a senior, but a freshman again.

* If you spend more time with the white porcelain god, then that should tell you something.

Believe it or not, the whole point of college is to study...you know, learn? Having fun is a big part of it too, but learn how to balance the two.

The Spirit of Kairos

Mandy Meyers
Editor

This past weekend, I experienced something absolutely amazing. There are no words that can express how I felt. I learned so much about myself in the past four days. As I reflect back however I think that all this might not have taken place. I am thankful for those who encouraged me to attend the Kairos retreat.

I will be the first one to admit that I had no desire to get on a bus and attend Kairos. I thought that it was a waste of time and no one was going to be able to open my eyes to Christ. Whenever I saw the signs for Kairos I ignored them. My friends always pestered me about going, but I always said, "I'll go next time." But somehow through the faith of God, I swallowed my fears and went.

I cannot express how much this retreat meant to me. Before Kairos I felt as if I had no faith. I felt guilty for not being a believer. I just could not bring myself to accept the Lord. I had many doubts, but after Kairos I finally realized that it is okay because no one has all the answers. I never wanted to open up and let people in, and Kairos was able to do that for me. I felt at ease and recognized that everyone has obstacles that they must overcome. It is God that helps us over come them, and in the end it will only make us stronger. He will never throw something in our way that

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SJC SPEAKS OUT

"I believe the SJC community needs to add the Sexual Orientation to the Nondiscrimination Policy. Some people on campus may not view this issue as a problem that faces St. Joseph's currently. In actuality it may not be at this moment, but it could change in the future generations of Pumas. If the College would change its nondiscrimination policy, maybe prospective applicants and employees would feel more welcomed to come to a Catholic institution knowing they will not be judged before entering the college. I fully believe that if adding Sexual Orientation to the Nondiscrimination Policy makes one person feel more comfortable upon entering St. Joseph's College, it is well worth it."

Sarah Sikkema, Student Social Welfare Committee Chair



we will not be able to conquer.

I guess my point is to have an open mind about everything that comes your way. Sometimes we tend to let other people's opinion get in the way of our own. Kairos is a very positive thing. The people who plan the retreat are incredible and want you to come away with finding something about yourself you never knew before. My only regret is that I did not attend Kairos earlier. I only hope that you can open your minds and heart to the spirit of Kairos. I promise you will not be disappointed.

Student Senate Accepts Proposal for Non-Discrimination Policy

Tina Carroll
Reporter

The student handbook states that "admission to Saint Joseph's College bestows on the student a set of privileged rights which have a set of correlative duties." Each student is responsible for knowing, fostering and protecting these rights both individually and collectively. One such right is the "freedom from discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, religion, or national origin."

However, the college's non-discrimination policy has been the subject of recent debate around campus. A group of students on campus have proposed that the policy be amended to also include sexual orientation.

The idea for the change was initiated last year by Student Senate President Chris Campbell, former Student Activities Director Stacey Lazenby and David Weed of the Counseling Center. After learning that a similar proposal had been rejected in 1997, Campbell sat down with Lazenby and Weed to discuss whether the addition of sexual orientation was necessary. They agreed the need was there and began researching the topic to see if other Catholic, liberal arts institutions had similar policies.

"We found that there is a strong presence of small Catholic schools, much like SJC, that do include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination

policy," Campbell said.

This prompted Campbell to present his findings to fellow members of the Student Life committee, but he ran out of time as the school year came to a close.

However, Campbell has decided to move forward with the proposal once again.

"I brought my concern to the Social Welfare committee within the Student Senate and asked them whether or not they would support the change. After discussing it with the committee, I was going to drop it. However, in September the group decided that they would like to present the idea at the October meeting. Two members of the Social Welfare committee proposed the change and after 20 minutes, the Senate unanimously approved the addition of sexual orientation to the non-discrimination policy," explained Campbell.

From there, Campbell went to the Student Life committee and they discussed it for 45 minutes before Fr. Dan Torson moved that they table the motion until the next meeting. This is where the proposal currently stands. If the Student Life committee were to also approve the addition at their November meeting, then the decision would go to the faculty, followed by President Mills, and finally, the Board of Trustees.

Campbell firmly believes that there is a need for the addition of sexual orientation into the non-discrimination policy,

simply to promote the idea of inclusion of all people's rights on campus.

As stated on page 16 of the SJC handbook, "it is the policy of the College, in administration of its educational policies and programs, financial aid programs, employment policies or other college-administered activities, not to discriminate against students, applicants for admission,

on the College's viewpoint to take this up now and present Saint Joseph's College as an accepting community. I am not asking that the College endorse homosexuality, which is what they feel allowing a club would do. There are Republican and Democratic clubs on campus, but that does not necessarily mean that the College agrees with those who are pro-choice or who support capital punishment," added Campbell.

Campbell was also quick to note that upon graduating, students will be out in the working world and will need to be tolerant of bosses and coworkers, some of whom might be homosexual.

"I feel that the change will happen eventually. There might not be cause now, but in the future who knows? This is the next big discrimination issue. Many want to beat it before it shows up as a real issue here. I really don't feel that it will change a lot about campus life. If anything it will show that we are not afraid to follow our Christian ideals and accept everyone as Christ did," commented junior Senate member Nick Schafer.

The debate will continue as the Student Life committee will readdress the issue in early November; however, the earliest the administration could adopt the change would be next semester.

or employees on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age or physical or mental disabilities unrelated to institutional jobs, programs or activities."

Campbell stressed, "We must respect human dignity in every person. Gay individuals on campus should also have basic human rights. I know of a few gay students who have contributed to the campus and they deserve fair representation."

Right now, the College will not allow gay students to form a club or organization that receives funding from SJC. The reasoning behind this decision is that homosexuality goes against the teaching of the church, and therefore, the College will not endorse such a club.

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Chris Campbell '02

WHATS HAPPENING AROUND CAMPUS

Who: Justin West Residence Hall Residents
What: Stress Cups
When: Finals Week
Where: All Rooms on West Side of Justin
Notes: Social/West Side Justin
By: RA: Adrienne Nicholson/Andrea Horst/Karyn Greig

Who: All Noll Residents
What: November Is Pictures Month
When: Throughout Mid-October to Mid-November
Where: Throughout Noll Residence Hall
Notes: Social/Hall
By: RA: Erick Smith

Who: Core 7: Where St. Joe's Meets Chicago's Cultures
ALL Campus, Chaperones are Chattin, Egan, Chen
What: Travel to Chicago to visit Chicago-Town's (India, China) and Visit to Pan-Asian Restaurant Correlating to Core 7
When: Tuesday, November 6, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Sign Up Sheets Start October 15, 2001

Notes: \$24 per student, Educational/Social/Campus/Cultural
By: RA: Erick Smith, Renee Simon
Who: Justin East Second Floor East Residents
What: Birthday Announcements
When: Tuesday, December 4, 2001
Where: By RA's Room
Notes: Social/Floor
By: RA: Maribel Licea

Who: Justin West Third Floor Residents
What: Door Decorating
When: December 3 to December 5, 2001 Judging on Thursday, December 6, 10 p.m.
Where: Justin West Third Floor
Notes: Social/Floor
By: RA: Andrea Horst

Who: Justin West Third Floor Residents
What: Secret Santa
When: December 3 to December 6, 2001, 10 p.m.
Where: Justin West Third Floor
Notes: Social/Floor
By: RA: Andrea Horst

STUDENTS EMBARK ON KAIROS XXXI

This weekend 29 SJC students embarked on the Kairos retreat. Students were encouraged throughout the retreat to focus on their personal faith and reflect upon the role that God plays in their lives. This event is planned and led by SJC students who have already participated in previous Kairos retreats, with the help of campus ministry staff.



Diversity Coalition Unites SJC

Susan Huss
Editor

was always the same—we are all humans, different yet equal.

“The name was changed to Diversity Coalition since many new people have joined the club, and we now embody a larger body of cultures and backgrounds,” President David Banks said.

“Diversity Coalition is not just for people of different color skin, but for everybody,” senior Maribel Licea said. “We are all different and unique, and we all are brothers and sisters. [The Diversity Coalition’s] doors are always welcome for anybody to come in.”

The Coalition sponsored by Ernest Watson planned many events around campus this year. Through the events they sponsor, members of the Coalition hope to encourage unity among the different cultures on campus.

“The purpose [of the Coalition] is to have different events on campus that help bring awareness and understanding of different cultures and backgrounds,” Banks said.

So far this year, the Coalition held a Latin dance, did a fundraiser for the Red Cross, and brought a poet from Jamaica, Kirk Newton, to Saint Joseph’s College.

They used to be called the Black Student Union. Then they were the Minority Student Union. Now they are the Diversity Coalition, but their message

“I wish every single person on campus could have been there to listen to the message of Kirk Newton,” Licea said. “His poems were amazing. He left most people in the audience breathless.”

Licea said one of her favorite things the Coalition has done this year is sell patriotic Tee shirts to raise money for the Red Cross.

“I was really upset with everything that occurred on September 11, and one night when I was watching the news, one of the firefighters of New York City said, ‘We need everybody’s help and support. If you can’t send money than at least send a letter of support.’ That’s when it hit me that I had to help. I thought that a Tee shirt would be perfect because not only could people contribute to the Red Cross, but also they could show their patriotism. I talked to Ernest [Watson], and he thought it was a good idea...Ernest is going to sponsor another \$250 [above what we raised].”

The Coalition sold 120 Tee shirts and raised around \$250 for the Red Cross, but now it is focused on increasing membership and learning about others.

“I hope we can achieve a wider awareness of diversity,” Banks said.



The Coalition sold these shirts as a relief effort.

Hypnotist Puts SJC to Sleep

If you like to see people do silly things, hopefully you got the chance to see Frederick Winters, the hypnotist who put 18 Saint Joseph’s College students under a trance on October 25.

Winters has had plenty of practice hypnotizing college students. He travels 150,000 miles a year to

come very illogical when they’re hypnotized. I take the conscious mind, I captivate it, and I slow it down.”

The student volunteers who agreed to be hypnotized included junior Randy Hoffman and sopho-

Susan Huss
Editor

with the volunteers. He manipulated them into believing they were so

keys, one that danced and one that lifted weights.

“I didn’t feel silly,” Kramer said. “It just made me laugh to get their reactions. I still don’t feel silly for

thinking I was holding a mouse with peas for shoes in my hand!”

Lancaster said she enjoyed being hypnotized and would do it again.

“I remember everything,” Lancaster said. “It was like being awake and aware, but you just wanted to play along, and you couldn’t control that urge. It was a very relaxing experience. I slept so soundly. It was terrific!”

Winters sold CDs that you could use to hypnotize yourself after his performance for \$5. The topics his hypnotic CDs covered included athletics, studying, and relaxation.

“I bought one of

his CDs and my roommate and two other friends spent a half an hour Sunday zonked out under the hypnotist’s spell,” Hoffman said. “Once it was over, a friend of mine claimed, ‘I know what an out-of-body experience feels like now.’”

cold that they fought over each other’s clothing. He also had them forget their names and revert to their inner child, having them tell the audience what their favorite shows were—answers included Smurfs, Barney, Thunder Cats, and Arthur. Towards the end of the show, the hypnotized students believed there were small men stuck in each of their watches. After Winters pretended to release the little men, he acted like he had stomped on their bodies. The volunteers then did CPR on the little men to revive them. They also talked to their neighbor’s shoe as if it were a phone.

One of the volunteers’ most entertaining activities was the belief that they had pets that did stupid tricks. Some of the pets included a horse that bit its own leg, a parrot that made crackers, and two mon-



Hypnotist Frederick Winters



SJC students are hypnotized on October 25.

places like Boston, Atlanta, and Denver, doing over 200 presentations annually. He is also a five-time nominee for Entertainer of the Year of colleges throughout the United States. Winters started out his presentation at SJC by talking about hypnotism.

“I want to assure you people know what they’re doing when they’re hypnotized,” Winters said. “They just don’t care. People be-

comes Rachel Lancaster and Susan Kramer. Although all three agreed they were aware of their actions onstage, they said they were less inhibited.

“I knew the audience was out there, but I didn’t care if they saw me doing silly things,” Kramer said. “I knew I was crawling around on the stage chasing after miniature people who weren’t really there!”

Winters did a variety of things

STUDENT UNION BOARD
BIG SCREEN MOVIE
LARA CROFT: TOMB RAIDER
THURSDAY 9PM
FRIDAY 7PM

SJC presents a reading of short stories and poems
from
The Heat
A collection of works written by
Northwest Indiana’s own American Steelworkers
November 8th
7:00 P.M.
Shen Auditorium

Puma Profile:

Professor John Bequette, One of SJC's Newest Faces

Nichole Workman
Reporter

There is a new face among our professors this year at Saint Joseph's College. Professor John Bequette comes to us from Saint Louis, MO. "I hope to bring my knowledge of the Christian Tradition to Saint Joe," said Bequette.

Bequette attended the University of Missouri Saint Louis for his Bachelor's degree, and Saint Louis University for his Masters degree. His college studies include Historical Theory and Medieval Christian Thought.

Bequette now resides in Kentland with his wife, Nancy, and daughters Katie, two, and two-month-old Maggie.

Bequette said he came to SJC because he had been applying to many different schools, and liked the small college community environment at SJC. "I also like the sense of collegiality," he added.

With what little free time he has after being a husband, father and college professor, Bequette enjoys reading about history, theology, and occasionally reads novels. He also has a passion for classical music.

Aside from his studies, Bequette enjoys keeping up with social and political issues. "I was a nervous wreck in the last election," he chuckled. "I was constantly glued to the television every night watching to see who would win when it ended...or if it was ever going to end!"

Bequette is very enthusiastic about SJC's curriculum. "I hope to bring my knowledge of the Christian Tradition during the pre-modern period to our institution."



A GHOULISH DANCE

On October 31, Saint Joseph's College students enjoyed a dance put on by Merlini Hall in the ballroom from 8 to 11 o'clock.



Polly Rainey, Lynn Rainey, Amanda Kiral, Theresa Kreinbrink, and Mary Bradshaw



Melissa Genova and Dave McNelis

Career Center Connections

Kelli Bridges
Reporter

Career Fest 2001 will be held on Wednesday November 14, 2001 in the Halleck Center Ballroom.

Twenty-five companies have registered to attend Career Fest; information about the companies can be found on the Career Center's web site at www.saintjoe.edu/~careers/students. In preparation for Career Fest you should be working on your resume. There is a template on the web site previously listed that has a pre-designed format to give you an example of important elements to include. You can simply copy the template to a word document and type directly from the template. The template has tips that pop up as you highlight topics; these should help you decide what to include in your resume. If the template does not help you, or you would like your resume critiqued, you can make an appointment with Career Services director Barb Robertson or Kelli Bridges at ext. 6116.

Indiana Intern Week

Indiana Governor Evan Bayh has declared the week of November 12-16 as "Indiana Intern Week". A representative from Indiana InternNet will attend Career Fest, to talk to students about internship opportunities with companies throughout Indiana. Students will also be allowed to register for internships.

Luncheon Series

"The Brown Bag Luncheon Series" is back on schedule as stated in the Puma Guide, on Thursdays at 12 p.m. The topics are related to career development, and the session is led by Barb Robertson. The Brown Bag Luncheon is open to students of all majors and to all faculty members. Request your lunch to go from the cafeteria and head up to the Career Center Library, located on the second floor of the Halleck Center.

Upcoming topics and dates are:

- * November 8/ How to work a Career Fair
- * November 15/ No Brown Bag Luncheon
- * November 22/ No Brown Bag Luncheon
- * November 29/ Job Search Skills
- * December 6/ No Brown Bag Luncheon

Stay Tuned...

The Career Center will regularly post new programs and Career Center News in the *Observer*.

The *Observer* would like to apologize for not running the entirety of Addie Nicholson's quote at the end of last issue's article, "SJC's RAs: Working Hard to Show You a Good Time," by Nichole Workman.

IM Football: The No Mullets Take No Prisoners

Bridget Newman
Reporter

Intramural Football is off and running and the No Mullets are ahead of the pack. This team, comprised of twenty-two members, is the only team undefeated thus far.

There are six teams, including the No Mullets that are competing this 2001 season. They are Larry's Gang, Barnyard Commandos, Soccer Boys, Stone Cold Players, and the DDC.

Senior Bob Singleton is not only a No Mullets team member, but also the head of the IM Football league this year. Singleton helped run the program last year and has taken over an independent leadership role.

He believes that IM popularity, not just in football, is because IM sports

are a good chance for students to get out of their rooms. It is a great opportunity to run around, get crazy, and let out the day's frustration. Singleton notes that many of the IM team members are no longer competing in regular sports for a variety of reasons and IM athletics are a great way to ease a competitive edge.

Singleton predicted that the No Mullets will have a perfect season. The No Mullets placed second last year.

Senior Jon Szabo, a No Mullets defender, shared Singleton's prophecies based on the team's current 4-0 record. Szabo noted that the defense, whose slogan is "No More Points," is doing exceptionally well. Junior Adam Whitehouse has had 4 interceptions already this season. Szabo also highlighted senior Brent Mason who has aided the team's offense as a receiver. In addition, senior Brian Cox

has led the team's offense as quarterback.

Overall, the No Mullets are confident about their coming games. The Championship game will occur some time before Thanksgiving. The winners will all receive "IM Champion" tee-shirts and, of course, bragging rights until next season begins.

FEAR THE "MULLET"!!!

Soccer Season Comes to a Close with GLVC Conference Games

Annie Domisica
Reporter

Burns has been effective with his passing and play making all season long, earning him the spot as assist leader for the 2001 season.

In Sunday's action, the Pumas were blanked by the Truman State Bulldogs, 4-0. Pat Francescon, stepping in for the injured Matt Meier, recorded five saves for the game.

The Puma men end their season with a record of 6-11-1, and a GLVC conference record of 2-7-1.

The Lady Pumas finished their conference schedule with two big wins against Quincy and SIUE. These wins secured their fifth-seeded spot in the



GLVC. The women travel to Indianapolis on October 31st to compete in the GLVC tournament.

Puma Sports Scores :

A Review
Men's Soccer: against
Truman State, Oct. 28,
L 0-4

Women's Soccer:
GLVC Tournament at
Indianapolis, Oct. 31,
L 0-3

Volleyball: University
of Wisconsin -
Parkside,
Nov. 3, L 0-3

Men's Cross Country:
Great Lakes Regional
(Kenosha, WI),
Nov. 3, 17th rank out
of 20

Women's Cross Coun-
try:
Great Lakes Regional
(Kenosha, WI), Nov.
3,
11th rank out of 20

Volleyball: against
Lewis University, Nov.
3, L 0-3

Football: against Aus-
tin Peay University,
Nov. 3,

The Puma Men's Soccer team finished up their schedule with a trip to the Truman State Classic this past weekend. The men wrapped up their season with a record of 6-11-1, as they fell to the Truman State Bulldogs and the Lincoln Blue Tigers in the tournament.

On Saturday, the Pumas faced the men of Lincoln State and were defeated in a close match, 2-1. Senior Andre Rinaldi scored his fifth goal of the season on an assist from Joe Burns.

Fan Base... *What happens to SJC sports outside their designated arena.*

If you cannot be a professional athlete , try the next best thing: Dress up like one for Halloween! Mike Carmody shows off all his sports apparel on Halloween.

"Let's see...do I want to be a baseball player, soccer, basketball? Eh heck! Why choose!"

Many students deserved bragging rights for the creativity of their costumes on Halloween!

If you would like to see your face in the "Fan Base," drop off sports related pictures of IM sports, practices, banquets, independant adventures, etc, to the THIRD FLOOR HALLECK center in the OBSERVER mailbox.

Pictures will be returned!



Puma Profile: A.J. Claussen

Alison Cole
Reporter

A.J. Claussen, a senior, Math and Secondary Education major here at Saint Joseph's College, has had an impressive career in the last three years. Her primary sport is softball, but she also plays JV soccer. No matter what sport A.J. plays, she always pushes herself to the edge and is always one step ahead of her time.

During Claussen's freshman year of high school, she was the only freshman on the varsity softball team. It was at this time that she discovered her love of softball. Claussen said, "I was pushed really hard to be a better player my freshman year of High School. It really made me realize how much I loved the sport." She played shortstop up until her sophomore year when she switched to second base.

Claussen continued to be ahead

of the game when she came to SJC. She was the only freshman on the varsity softball team. She started on second base and shared that position with another player. Claussen was a switcher to third base her junior year, which enabled her to participate in all of the games. That year she played 38 games and started 35 of them. She scored 11 runs, had 23 hits and 4 double plays. She also had the 8th highest

batting average on the team.

Claussen loves to challenge herself. In High School she played four varsity sports: volleyball, basketball, softball and soccer. Now Claussen only plays varsity softball, but also plays JV soccer for fun, and a challenge. Claussen said, "I only play soccer for fun now. My freshman year at

SJC I was asked to play both sports, but because I decided where I was going to go to college so late, I was not given any scholarships, and I decided to just play one varsity sport."

Off the field, Claussen likes to challenge herself by participating in such activities as Rake and Run. Last year she also hosted "Mr. Puma" and "Singled Out". This year she also plans on tutoring children at the Youth Center in math as soon as it opens.

Although playing professional softball would be a big challenge, Claussen will not pursue it as a career. She said, "I love softball, but not that much!" Instead, she hopes to challenge others by being a High school math teacher and softball coach. "I can coach just about anything, I have a lot of experience from high school, but I'd really like to be a softball coach," said Claussen.



JV Volleyball Shows What They are Made Of

Information compiled by
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The weekend scores of 2 games for the Junior Varsity Volleyball team was 30-4 and 30-13. SJC won against IUN- Indiana Univeristy Northwest. It was a home game for the Pumas.

Senior Night was also celebrated at the game. Amy Wrzesinski and Kelly Hicks were the upperclassmen honored.

In the first of three games, Brooke Mason had 15 straight points to start the game off on a successful note.

SJC had fun while still competing on the court. All team members played during the game and contributed their skills for the win.

Many of them felt that it was a very easy game and there was no contest as to who would eventually win. Coach Deno was

as enthusiastic as the team members. Amanda Giglio and Tina Deno hit hard for the spikes Maggie Shaum set them up for the kills

Below, the team gathers for a huddle after their victory against IUN



Congratulations to all of the SJC teams who participated in the Fall Season!

If anyone is interested in contributing their talents to the Observer Sports section, email Melissa, Mgg3598@saintjoe.edu

THE CORE MOMENT
OF THE WEEK

Little Known Facts from Core 5...

The sun is a medium-sized star 1,392,000km across - 10 times the diameter of the Earth.

The Sun burns up four million tons of hydrogen fuel every second.

Venus is 107.4 million km from the Sun at its closest and 109 million km at its furthest.

courtesy of www.didyounow.com

Count the Blessings

Everyday, empty stares
Filled with thought and meaning
Hidden words, left unsaid
Better off, safer then

Protect, cover, hide and shine
Pain glitters in a smile
Forget it all, never happened
Fear the snow, coming quickly

Watch it seep in as the leaves fall
Count the days, count the blessings
Days shorter, shining faded
Darkness covers the silent ache

~Annie Domasica

If you would like to contribute your talents to this page, please contact Nick Schafer at nsf3156@saintjoe.edu

SJC Poet's Corner

Sick Dusty Rose

*Sick dusty rose
Entertained only by prose
Others watch on for those
That dwell
Within the cell
Of wine
Because of fine
Tendencies of grace
Living in this place
Causes terror
Unhappiness or waste*

*The water of life
Brings to the rose
A new family
Growing in great harmony
With the rest
Of the deadly things
As they grow
Upon the great hill*

*Some sit on the sill
Next to the sunlight
Being bright
Cheering us all
Up for the day
As laughter
Conquers the sick rose.*

Tim Hayes

You Were the One

Fire, that's what you were to me.
You burned me; you set my body blazing.
My heart, my lips, they all burned for you;
That part in your stomach way down deep,
You know the feeling.
Your eyes were it.
Your hair, your smile, everything;
You were the one.

Yes or no, that's all you had to say.
A simple nod or a shake of the head,
if that'd been easier.
The ball was always in your court,
We always played by your rules, you the victor every time.
It was your decision to make, always.
You had my heart to love or to break.
You were the one.

But if decision making was your only weakness,
It was all you needed, for it was enough to shatter one man's dreams.
So, hesitantly, in your characteristic style, you made your decision.
Perhaps now, you too feel that burning in the depths of your stomach.
Love, or just regret?
Either way, it was not my decision to make.
You were the one.

~Mike Potts

WAR

I'm afraid
Please don't take them from me
my friends, my brothers, my heroes
Don't try to make them your heroes
Thier lives would be wasted
fighting a battle for a problem
that could be better solved
another way
Why is peace so impossible?
Bloodshed is not the answer
An eye for an eye is not justice
It is hypocrisy
Teach the young a new lesson
in courage
not in the pulling of a trigger
but in the meeting of minds
not in bombs from afar
but in speaking face to face
not in blind vengeance
but with an open mind
Peace, a seemingly inconceivable concept to some
Don't take the ones that don't want to go
Please don't take them from me
Please don't take my heroes

~Bridget Newman

"Sing like no one is listening, dance like no one is watching, work like you don't need the money and love like you have never been hurt."

Author Unknown

Hearts in Atlantis is Good for the Soul

Mike Potts
Columnist

Have you ever wondered where it all went? Have you ever just stopped dead in your tracks, and took a hard look around? Where did our past go? Our childhood? Everything looked different then, while growing up. The trees seemed to dance more gracefully in the wind. The sun shone more brightly in the morning and even brighter before dark, generously giving us a few extra moments to play outdoors. But we did not see it then. Only now can we look back and appreciate how things were. It seems, all too often, we don't notice the small things, the things that really matter, until they pass us by.

Hearts in Atlantis, above its beautiful scenes and landscapes, above the superb performances, asked me a question. Where has my childhood gone? Based on the novel by Stephen King, *Hearts* is a movie I've seen before. In fact I have seen it in about a dozen other Stephen King movies. It

is a coming-of-age story, and no one has mastered telling that story better than King has. From *Stand By Me* to *It*, I have watched the characters grow up, and I have identified with them.

The same goes for those in *Hearts in Atlantis*. Set in 1960, it is still easy to identify with Bobby Garfield, the 11-year-old boy, through which the story is told. Neighborhood bullies, carnivals and bicycle riding, our first kiss. They all mean something to each of us. But creeping in the background, sometimes shadowed by the wonder of the '50s and '60s – the big cars and the music, the inspiring radio shows and ball games – are those fearful things, the Reds most of all. Though we recognize with the characters growing up, the times were entirely different.

Bobby Garfield's (Anton Yelchin) father died when he was 5 and his mother was all too often distracted with her work to pay her son any mind. His entire life was his friends, Sully (Will Rothhaar) and Carol Gerber (Mika Boorem), with whom he would share his first kiss. Then, like the wind, breezed in a man, a boarder in the upstairs apart-

ment in Bobby's house. Ted Brautigan (Anthony Hopkins) is a relaxing man. He is wise and slow speaking, always careful to enunciate each word perfectly. He quickly befriends Bobby, teaching him the little things in life, suggesting which books to read with his new library card. He also pays Bobby a dollar a week to read him the paper, for his eyes aren't what they used to be. But there was a catch. Watch for the Low Men, Ted warned, for they were out to get him.

These are the scenes, while Bobby is reading Ted the paper, which the fears and paranoia of the times seep through. Bobby read headlines about Nixon's nomination, and the Communists. He read one article about J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI looking for psychics to help catch the Reds. By now, Bobby knew that Ted could see the future, but how far reaching his gift was he couldn't tell. What he was fairly certain of however, was that there were no Low Men, until the day they finally came and took his new best friend, Ted away.

There are things we never really learn about the characters and their story. We never really find out where Ted came

from except that it's somewhere up North. We are never told who the Low Men are, only that they wear nice clothes and drive loud cars. We are led to believe they are Mafia men, then in an instant, we're pulled the opposite way and led to thinking they're FBI agents seeking to use Ted's powers for the government.

Wherever Ted was from, and for whatever reason the Low Men wanted him, we do learn something from *Hearts in Atlantis*, to don't miss a single second of our future. Bobby says it while reflecting on his childhood, that it's gone in a blink. Perhaps I didn't learn it entirely by watching *Hearts*, but that thought resurfaces after watching it. Our childhood seems only a moment away almost as if we could reach our arms behind us and grasp it again. But we can't. It just isn't possible.

After watching the movie, it made me want to dig out my GI Joe again. To go back to that childhood when everything was innocent and pure. It made me appreciate time and to realize how easily it slips away, that in a blink, the Low Men, for whatever they symbolize for each one of you, can come and take it all away.